

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Original): A flame retardant aromatic polycarbonate resin composition comprising:  
100 parts by weight of an aromatic polycarbonate (A),  
0.01 to 0.5 part by weight of branched metal oxide particles (B), each independently  
being a branched metal oxide aggregate or a branched metal oxide agglomerate,  
0.0001 to 0.2 part by weight of an alkali metal salt (C) of an organic sulfonic acid, and  
0.01 to 0.5 part by weight of a fluoropolymer (D),  
said branched metal oxide particles (B) being dispersed in a mixture of said aromatic  
polycarbonate (A), said alkali metal salt (C) and said fluoropolymer (D),  
wherein at least 70 % of said branched metal oxide particles (B) have a diameter within  
the range of from 10 to 200 nm.
2. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein said branched metal oxide  
particles (B) are branched particles of at least one metal oxide selected from the group consisting  
of a silicon oxide, a titanium oxide and an aluminum oxide.
3. (Original): The composition according to claim 2, wherein said branched metal oxide  
particles (B) are branched silicon oxide particles produced by the dry method.
4. (Original): The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the  
surfaces of said branched metal oxide particles (B) are modified with a silicon compound.

5. (Currently amended): The composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, which further comprises 5 to 200 parts by weight of an additive (E) selected from the group consisting of a reinforcing agent and a filler.

6. (Original): The composition according to claim 5, wherein said additive (E) is at least one substance selected from the group consisting of a glass fiber, a carbon fiber, glass flakes, glass beads, glass balloons, a quartz glass and silica.

7. (Original): The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 6 claim 1, wherein said aromatic polycarbonate (A) is produced by a transesterification process.